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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENNA 10670

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XF, AU

SUBJECT: "ARAB/POLO INFORMATION CENTER" OPENED IN VIENNA

WITHOUT GOA OKAY

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1. SUMMARY: AUSTRIAN MFA OFFICIAL STATES SO-CALLED "INFORMATION CENTER OF THE ARAB STATES AND THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION" OPENED IN VIENNA BY MIKE MILIWOY WAS NOT AUTHORIZED BY GOA. EMBASSY REQUESTS INFORMATION ABOUT MILIWOY, HIS WIFE, AND THEIR ALLEGED OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK THAT MIGHT BE PROVIDED MFA. END SUMMARY.

2. ON DECEMBER 22, AUSTRIAN RADIO CARRIED SHORT INTERVIEW ABOUT TERRORIST ATTACK ON OPEC WITH MIKE MILIWOY, WHO WAS DESCRIBED AS PRESIDENT OF THE "ARAB INFORMATION CENTER IN VIENNA...REPRESENTING ALL 20 ARAB STATES AND THE PLO." (INTERVIEW IN FBIS VIENNA AU 221043Y.) ON SAME DAY, EMBASSY OBTAINED XEROXED LETTER DATED 19/12/1975 SIGNED BY MIKE MILIWOY AS PRESIDENT OF "THE INFORMATION CENTER OF THE ARAB STATES AND THE PALESTINE LIBERATIONS ORGANIZATIONS" AT JOSEFSTAEDTERSTRASSE 105/8/1080 VIENNA, AUSTRIA. LETTER, IN GERMAN AND ADDRESSED TO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS IN VIENNA, ANNOUNCED FOUNDING OF INFORMATION CENTER IN VIENNA BY MILIWOY, "AS PRESIDENT OF AMTV PRODUCTIONS INC. - AMERICAN TELEVISION COMPANY IN NEW YORK," HIS WIFE, LALICA MILIWOY, "VICE PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN TELEVISION COMPANY IN NEW YORK - WHITE PLAINS," AND "43 OTHER PERSONS: JOURNALISTS, PRODUCERS, AUTHORS, ETC., FROM EUROPE AND THE U. S." LETTER SAID CENTER WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON ARAB COUNTRIES AND PLO AND WAS "PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN INFORMING THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC OF POLITICAL, CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER FACTS, AND ALSO THE TRUTH ABOUT THE PLO." THIS LETTER ENCLOSED COPY OF ANOTHER OF DECEMBER 3, 1975, IN ENGLISH, FROM MILIWOY TO HIS WIFE, AS "CHERMAN (SIC) OF THE BOARD" OF AMTV, IN WHICH MILIWOY ACCEPTED PRESIDENCY OF INFORMATION CENTER AT VIENNA, EXPRESSED HOPE THAT "ACTIVITY OF THIS CENTER SHOULD BE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ARAB STATES AND ALSO FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREEDOM IN THE WORLD," AND STATED THAT MILIWOY WAS SENDING "20 DOCUMENTARY FILMS ABOUT ARAB COUNTRIES, CONFIDENTIAL

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THE CHECK OF US DOLLARS 30.000 AND DIFFERENT KIND OF FILMS EQUIPMENTS AS MY PRESENT TO THE CENTER" (ERRORS IN ORIGINAL). EACH LETTER CARRIED LETTERHEAD OF RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATION; THAT OF "AMTV PRODUCTIONS INC. - AMERICAN TELEVISION COMPANY" INCLUDED PICTURE OF SMALL STATUETTE BESIDE NOTATION "BY MIKE MILIWOY ACADEMY AWARD" AS WELL AS FOLLOWING RETURN ADDRESS: 5 FRANKLIN AVENUE, WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK, 10601

USA; TELEPHONE 914/428-5631; TELEX AMTV COMP WHP 996 532.

3. CHECK WITH MFA DIRECTOR LATIN AMERICAN, AFRICAN AND ASIAN AFFAIRS, MINISTER RAUSCHER, REVEALED THAT MILIWOY CALLED ON RAUSCHER ABOUT WEEK AGO TO INQUIRE ABOUT SETTING UP ARAB INFORMATION CENTER IN VIENNA. SINCE MILIWOY DID NOT ALLEGE ANY OFFICIAL RELATIONSHIP TO ANY ARAB COUNTRY AND SEEMED TO BE INTERESTED IN FORMING SOME SORT OF FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION OR (IN GERMAN) "EREIN", HE WAS REFERRED TO INTERIOR MINISTRY, WHICH AUTHORIZES SUCH ASSOCIATIONS.

4. RAUSCHER SAID MILIWOY CLAIMED TO BE AMERICAN, PRESIDENT OF AMTV, FRIEND OF EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR AT UN, AND WELL KNOWN TO ARAB LEAGUE OFFICE IN NEW YORK. SUBSEQUENT MFA CHECK WITH AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS IN NYC REVEALED THAT MILIWOY WAS INDEED KNOWN TO BOTH EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR AND TO ARAB LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES THERE, BUT THEY THOUGHT HIM HIGHLY UNRELIABLE, POSSIBLY A "SWINDLER", AND BENT ON ACTIVITIES POSSIBLY DETRIMENTAL TO ARAB INTERESTS. FURTHERMORE, ATTEMPTS BY AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS TO CONTACT ANYONE BY TELEPHONE AT AMTV NUMBERS MILIWOY HAD PROVIDED WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. FOLLOWING RADIO INTERVIEW CITED ABOVE, RAUSCHER SAID FURTHER CHECK WITH INTERIOR MINISTRY REVEALED MILIWOY HAD NEVER CALLED THERE; THUS, MILIWOY HAD NOT RECEIVED PERMISSION OF GOA TO OPEN INFORMATION CENTER IN AUSTRIA. RAUSCHER SAID HE HAD JUST PREPARED MFA MEMORANDUM TO THIS EFFECT FOR CHANCELLOR; HOWEVER, QUESTION OF LEGAL STATUS OF SO-CALLED INFORMATION CENTER AND ITS ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRIA  
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WAS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

5. RAUSCHER SAID HE HAD BEEN UNAWARE OF MILIWOY LETTERS BEFORE EMBOFF BROUGHT THEM TO HIS ATTENTION BUT COULD STATE UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT GOA WAS NOT NOW ENTERTAINING ANY REQUEST FROM PLO OR ANY ARAB STATE INTERMEDIARY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PLO OFFICE AT VIENNA. RAUSCHER SAID MFA WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MIGHT HAVE ON MILIWOY. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT HE HAD NONE BUT WOULD QUERY WASHINGTON; MEANWHILE, EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT MILIWOY OR HIS ACTIVITIES THAT GOA MIGHT DEVELOP.

6. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION

IT HAS ON MILIWOY THAT EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE MFA.  
(INFORMATION JUST RECEIVED HERE INDICATES MILIWOY MAY  
BE NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZEN BORN IN SWEDEN, REARED  
IN YUGOSLAVIA (SEE FBIS VIENNA AU231245Y.)

7. COMMENT: RAUSCHER'S STATEMENTS INDICATE THAT  
STATUS OF PLO WITH RESPECT TO AUSTRIA REMAINS AS  
REPORTED REFTEL. PRECISELY WHO, IF ANYONE, IS BEHIND  
MILIWOY, OR FOR WHAT REASONS, IS STILL UNCLEAR.MEEHAN

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